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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 9 and 44.

1. (once amended) A method for providing a value of a good to a requester, said method comprising the steps of:

uploading data relating to a request for a value of a good and data relating to the good to a computer configured as a calculator for calculating a value of the good;

determining whether the value of the good can be calculated based on the uploaded data including determining whether the good has a policy value assigned thereto;

recognizing the request for the value of the good as an exception request if no response is provided to the request for the value of the good;

analyzing trends among a plurality of exception requests;

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